(b) if so, the quantity of sugar available for export; and

(c) the countries to which the same is proposed to be exported, indicating the quantities and terms of export to each country?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) to (c) The Government have allowed export of sugar in the sugar season 95-96. It is not possible to say at this stage how much total quantity of sugar will be exported by the end of the sugar season 95-96, to which destinations, and at what price. So far, beginning August'95 onwards 5.94 lakh M/T/9.11 lakh M/T has already been exported contracted for export. The export destination countries are mainly Indonesia, Sir Lanka, Russia, Pakistan, Bangladesh, France, Yemen, U.S.A. etc.

The export price has ranged from US $ 342.00 per M/T F.O.B. (S) to US $ 385.00 per M/T F.O.B. (S) for export to world free market and from Rs. 11,650/- per M/T F.O.B. (S) to Rs. 12,800/- per M/T F.O.B. (S) for export to Russia.

Warning by Directorate of Sugar in Marking Grades on Sugar Production

163. SHRI S. MUTHUMANI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Directorate of Sugar issued warnings to sugar factories in the year 1995 to be careful in marking grades on the sugar produced by them in terms of clause 4(i) of Sugar (Packing & Marking) Order, 1970;

(b) if so, what was the response from such sugar factories; and

(c) whether any such warnings have issued during 1996?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) During the year 1995, 29 Warning Letters were issued to various sugar factories for violation of the provisions of clause 4(i) of Sugar (Packing & Marking) Order, 1970.

(b) In response to the Warning Letters, sugar factories have stated and also given undertakings that they will take all possible adequate steps to prevent such happening of misgrading of sugar and will be more careful in future.

(c) During the year 1996, 35 Warning Letters have been issued to various sugar factories up-to 30.6.1996.

Import of liberalised schemes of SSI/ Village industries

164. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the specific advantages accruing to SSI/village industries under the liberalised scheme; and

(b) if so, the details for the extent to which these have actually come about?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN); (a) and (b) The impact of liberalised schemes is mainly on large industries. However, because of measures like—Excise exemptions, Priority Sector lending, Price and purchase preference, Support lending, Price and purchase preference, Support measures in technology, counselling, etc., the employment in SSI Sector has increased from a level of 129.80 lakhs in 1991-92 to 152.61 lakhs (estimated) in 1995-96. The contribution towards exports have increased from Rs. 13,883 crores in 1991-92 to Rs. 29,068 crores in 1994-95 and is estimated at Rs. 34,065 crores in 1995-96.

In the KVI sector also, the employment has gone up from 50.16 lakh persons in 1991-92 to 60.50 lakh persons (estimated) in 1995-96. Production has gone up from Rs. 2592.77 crores in 1991-92 to Rs. 4470.00 crores (estimated) in 1995-96.